Imposition of ban on setting up of Red Industries

975. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a ban has been imposed by Government on setting up of 'red' industries in Doon Valley and Murud-Janjira in Maharashtra declared as 'ecologically fragile';

(b) whether such a ban has hitherto been put for any other areas and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether such a ban is under consideration for any other areas and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, setting up of highly polluting industries classified as those belonging to red category has been banned in the Doon Valley. Also under this Act in Murud-Janjira area, location of industries within a belt of 1 km. from the High Tide Mark from Revdanda Creek to Devgarh point and along the banks of Rajpuri Creek upto Mhasla has been prohibited. This prohibition is not for those industries which are in connection with the promotion and development of tourism and those which are permitted by the Central Government after examining the environmental aspects.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Presently, there is no such proposal.

Central Assistance for completion of Ongoing Irrigation Projects

976 SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to provide additional financial assistance for completion of on-going major and medium irrigation projects under construction at present;

(b) if so, since when the said request is pending with Central Government;

(c) what action has been taken so far on the request; and

(d) by when the said request is likely to be acceded to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) No formal request for providing additional financial assistance for completion of on-going major and medium irrigation projects has been received from the State Government. However, in connection with the Special Foodgrains Production Programme for attainment of foodgrains production target envisaged in the Seventh Plan, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had initially indicated a requirement of about Rs. 98 crores for accelerating work on certain projects. It was clarified to the State representatives that such a large additional outlay would not be available under this programme. A sum of Rs. 932 lakhs as additional Plan outlay during 1988-89 has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh for accelerating work on three projects in the State under the above programme.

Extension of areas under social forestry programme in Andhra Pradesh

977. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend areas under Social Forestry